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SUBJECT: FANK- ARVN COOPERATION ON THE MEKONG

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH SERVICE OF THE PHNOM PENH RADIO, THE FANK GENERAL STAFF ISSUED A " COMMUNIQUE" STATING THAT THE CAMBODIAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE DECIDED TO JOIN FORCES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE MEKONG. THE " COMMUNIQUE" INDICATED THAT THIS ACTION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE COMMUNISTS ARE CLEARLY CONSIDERING THE MEKONG RIVER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER AS ONE THEATER OF OPERATIONS.

2. FANK CHIEF OF STAFF MAJ GEN SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNIQUE WHEN QUERIED THIS MORNING BY A LONDON TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT, STATING THAT A MISTRANSLATION MIGHT BE THE SOURCE OF THIS STORY.

3. IF THE GENERAL STAFF DID ISSUE A STATEMENT OF THIS SORT, IT UNDOUBTEDLY REFERRED TO COORDINATION OF THE SEPARATE FANK AND ARVN OPERATIONS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES OF THE BORDER AND NOT TO JOINT, CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS. IN THIS RESPECT GENERAL MANH AT THE TRIPARTITE MEETING IN PHNOM PENH TODAY REAFFIRMED THAT
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ARVN WOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO HELP SEE THAT
SUPPLIES ARE MOVED UP THE MEKONG.
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